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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2287.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 19, to December 31, both days inclusive.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 10, 1914.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2288.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, 1914, and on Friday, January 1, 1915.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1914.

AT the meeting of the Building Rules Commission held on Thursday, December 17, 1914, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
F. H. Crossley
W. H. Trenchard Davis
E. C. Emmett
S. J. Halse
C. H. Godfrey (*Municipal Engineer*)
P. Peebles
M. W. Pett (*Chief Officer, Fire Brigade*)
G. H. Wright (*Legal Adviser*)

The meeting adjourned at 7 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Public School Committee held on Friday, December 18, 1914, at 4.30 p m., there were:—

Present:
Dr. R. S. Ivy (*Chairman*)
,, S. I. Woodbridge
Absent: Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Works Committee held on Monday, December 21, 1914, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
E. I. Ezra
W. L. Merriman

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 23, 1914, at 4.30 p.m, there were:—

Present:
Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
C. E. Anton
E. I. Ezra
H. Figge
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper

The meeting adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Volunteer Corps.

Reserve Company.—The resignation of 2nd Lieut. K. D. Stewart from December 9, has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Fire Brigade.

Hongkew Company.—Mr. A. E. Fenton, Foreman, resumed charge of the Company on December 23.

Land Commission.

The Award of the Commissioners in Case XCIII, heard on October 26, 1914, is as follows:—

CASE No. XCIII.

Sinza Road. Cadastral Lot 3038, Western District. Registered Owner—Mr. Henry Lester.

The Registered Owner is represented by Mr. G. A. Johnson and the Council by the Secretary and the Deputy Engineer.

The Commissioners referring to the correspondence in this case request Mr. Johnson to furnish proof of the recently established purchase value of the land as Tls. 5,300 per mow, as set forth in Messrs. Lester, Johnson & Morriss' letter of July 10, 1914. A discussion takes place between the Council's representatives and Mr. Johnson as to the existence, or otherwise, of the buildings on the Lot in question at the time the purchase referred to took place and it is ultimately decided that Messrs. Lester, Johnson & Morriss shall furnish the Commissioners with plan and full details of the purchase in order to enable them to check the value of Tls. 5,300 per mow upon which they have based their claim.

The Registered Owners having furnished the figures and plan required, a copy is handed to the Council for checking purposes. The Council offer no criticism of these figures but merely re-state the present assessed value of the land in dispute as Tls. 4,000 per mow, on the authority of Messrs. Algar & Peebles who carried out the 1911 assessment.

In view of the fact that this land was scheduled for surrender as far back as March 7, 1906, and further, the fact that such schedule of surrender was, or should have been, known to both parties to the recent sale, the Commissioners decide that the Council's offer of compensation rated at the assessed value of Tls. 4,000 per mow plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender was reasonable and fair.

As regards betterment, the Commissioners cannot consider the Sinza Road as a purely Chinese neighbourhood and therefore find for the Council, but for the reduced proportion of one-sixth, the peculiar situation of this property near the corner of Sinza and Carter Roads being, in their opinion, only improved by the road widening to that extent.

The amount payable is therefore Tls. 414.34.

G. U. ROBINS,
C. M. G BURNIE,
H. G. SIMMS,
} *Land Commissioners 1914/15.*

H. L. HUTCHINSON,
Secretary.

December, 14, 1914.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Kiukiang and Fokien Roads.—The claim of Messrs. Probst, Hanbury & Co., Ld. has been accepted for the surrender of two strips of land from Lot 524 scheduled for the widening of these roads at the assessed value Tls. 22,000 per mow plus ten per cent. for compulsory surrender, or Tls. 2,686 for Mow 0.111.

Mysore Road.—The question of the compensation payable to Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., Ld. in respect of the land scheduled for the construction of this road will be referred to the Land Commissioners in terms of the appended correspondence:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 1, 1914.

SIR,—I am directed to inform you that the Council desires to proceed with the construction of the projected Mysore Road, the land for which is scheduled from lots forming part of your newly acquired property in Yangtszepoo, Lots 6026, 6030, etc.

The Council is informed that in order to avoid a division of this property in such manner as adversely to affect its proposed development, you are desirous of a deviation whereby the road would be placed along the western boundary of the property.

While a line such as that suggested would not be as advantageous as that at present scheduled for compulsory acquisition, the Council, in view of the circumstances, is not unwilling to fall in with your wishes, provided that the requisite land for the road in the new position is surrendered without claim upon the public funds.

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I am directed, therefore, in forwarding herewith a plan showing the road in its new position, to request that you will be so good as to confirm the terms under which this proposed deviation will be sanctioned.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

E. S. LITTLE, Esq.,
General Manager,
Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., Ld.

Shanghai, September 5, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter dated September 1 upon the subject of the projected Mysore Road.

It will be very much to our advantage to have no road at all on or near our property. We should be glad, therefore, if the Council could see their way to abandoning this road altogether.

Should the Council decline the above suggestion and confirm their intention to put through the road on the side of our property as outlined in the map sent me we regret we cannot agree to surrender the land except for full market value plus the usual compensation for compulsory surrender.

Yours faithfully,
For BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.,
ED. S. LITTLE,
General Manager for the Far East.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 18, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of September 5, on the subject of the Mysore Road, I am directed to point out that the line of this road was originally scheduled so as to lie evenly on the boundary between Lots 6026 and 6030, and was in this condition at the time your purchase of both lots was effected. The Council is, as stated in my letter of September 1, quite ready to authorise the change in position now suggested, but only upon condition that you will raise no claim for compensation, in consideration of the fact that the change would be not in the public interest but in your own.

I am to add that, whereas the new road may not be of specific advantage to your property in view of the form of development which you contemplate, yet there can be little doubt that an additional 1,500 feet of road frontage will add to the market value of the lot.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.

Shanghai, September 19, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—Having reference to your letter dated September 18 I shall be glad if you will be good enough to give me information on the following two points:

1. What was the date upon which the Mysore Road was scheduled?

2. The authority upon which the Council can forcibly or arbitrarily expropriate British property?

There can be no doubt from our point of view that any road put through any part of this property does not enhance its value, but most distinctly depreciates it.

Yours faithfully,
For BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.,
ED. S. LITTLE.
General Manager for the Far East.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 23, 1914

SIR,—In reply to your letter of September 19 I am directed to inform you that the Mysore Road was scheduled on February 22, 1905.

In answer to your second enquiry I am to say that the Council has no authority to expropriate British property either forcibly or arbitrarily. There is, however, provision in Articles VI and VIA of the Land Regulations for the surrender of land to public use under certain conditions, and such surrender is, in case of need, enforced by the Court having jurisdiction over the Foreign Landrenter concerned.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary

E. S. LITTLE, Esq.,
General Manager,
Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., Ld

Shanghai, November 20, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—Having reference to your letter dated September 23, British Title Deeds for our land were issued in 1902 or more than three years prior to the scheduling of the Mysore Road. We should be prepared to withdraw our objection to surrendering the land on the following conditions:—

1. That you pay full value for the same including filling.

2. That you pay us the usual 10 per cent. above market value for compulsory surrender.

3. That you shift the position of the road slightly so as to bring us more nearly opposite the continuation of the scheduled road on the other side of the Yangtszepoo.

Yours faithfully,
For BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.,
ED. S. LITTLE,
General Manager for the Far East.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 14, 1914.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of November 20, on the subject of the surrender of land for the Mysore Road, I am directed to state that in the first place you are perhaps under a misapprehension as to the status of the property in relation to the Council's powers to acquire land for roads as laid down in the Land Regulations. If a road is scheduled before the property is registered, the land becomes subject to free surrender; if after, as in this case, the land is subject to compulsory surrender upon payment of the compensation, if any, which may properly be payable; which may be referred for settlement to the Land Commissioners, in the event of difference of opinion between the Council and the owner.

But this procedure applies only to the road as shown on the official plans. Failing effective protest at the time it was first scheduled, any question of a deviation later, is a matter for settlement by the Council, of which the Land Commissioners, as such, can take no cognizance.

As previously stated, the Council considers that the alternative line of road which you have suggested is not as advantageous as that originally scheduled, but its willingness has been expressed to authorise a deviation to meet your wishes upon condition that you will raise no claim for compensation; in consideration of the fact that the change would not be in the public interest but in your own.

If you are unwilling to acquiesce in this proposal, I am directed to state that there remains no alternative but to adhere to the original scheduled line of the road and refer the matter of the compensation, if any, to be paid in respect of such land, to the Land Commissioners for decision.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Messrs. BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.

Shanghai, December 16, 1914.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated December 14.

We have endeavoured to meet the Council in reference to this road and have suggested various deviations which would meet the public requirements just as well as the Council's proposed location.

It is evident, however, from the correspondence, that you make any deviation the basis of a claim for free surrender. We, therefore, now withdraw all tentative suggestions that have been made you as to deviation of the road and in future deal with the road in the position scheduled by the Council.

We again state that we do not wish to have any road at all across our property. Provided the Council have absolute powers, beyond which there is no appeal, to compel the surrender of land for this purpose and we are ourselves satisfied as to these Powers we shall demand full payment for the land appropriated together with 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender.

Yours faithfully,
For BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.,
ED. S. LITTLE,
General Manager for the Far East.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, December 18, 1914.

GENTLEMEN, In reply to your letter of December 16 on the subject of the surrender of the requisite land for the construction of the Mysore Road, I am directed to state that in the circumstances this case will be referred for settlement by the Land Commissioners notice of whose next sitting will be duly conveyed to you.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Messrs. BRUNNER, MOND & CO., LD.

Municipal Staff.

Police Force.—2nd Assistant Superintendent Springfield was promoted to be Assistant Superintendent with effect from December 19.

3rd Class Inspector G. Johnston was promoted to be 2nd Class Inspector with effect from December 15.

Nine months' leave is granted to Warder H. Radford from April 20, 1915.

Health Department.—Mrs. M Garton-Stone was appointed Nurse with effect from December 12.

The service of Nurse K K. Smiddy will terminate on January 8, the date of expiry of her agreement.

Mr. N. C. Anderson was appointed temporarily as Sanitary Overseer in the Health Department with effect from December 15

Public Works Department—Six months' leave is granted to Mr. J. E. Needham, Chief Engineering Assistant, from January 12, 1915.

Probationary Assistant Inspector R. Matthews was dismissed on December 10.

Electricity Department.—Six months' leave is granted to the following from May 1, 1915:—

Show Room Assistant S. T. N. Rocksberg.
Meter Tester V. Olsen.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The usual performance of dance music held on Fridays at the Town Hall will not take place on Friday, December 25.

The attendance on Sunday, December 20, numbered 785.

On Sunday next, December 27, at 4.30 p.m., the programme, with the kind assistance of Mrs Powell, will be as follows:—

1. Overture "Oberon" Weber
2. Piano Concerto in A—minor first movement only Schumann
   Mrs POWELL.
3. Tone Pictures from "Die Walküre" Wagner

4. (*a*) Ave Maria Bach-Gounod
   (*b*) In the Hall of the Mountain King Grieg
5. Rhapsody in G-minor Brahms
   Mrs. POWELL.
6. Rhapsody (No. 2) Liszt
   Conductor, Professor R. BUCK.

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign
300	Dixwell	W. M. Dowdall	1 shed
4709	Macao	Chinese	1 godown & addition to boiler house
			Chinese
822	Durpoe	Tilley & Limby	14 houses
S of 597	N. Shanse	Chinese	7 houses
863	E. Yuhang & Chaoufoong	do.	215 houses & 3 gatehouses
S of 399½	Gordon	Denham & Rose	18 houses
875	Markham	Davies & Brooke	14 houses
211	Myburgh	Chinese	8 houses

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, December 20 1914.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14 300	Deaths among Chinese population of 520,000
Small-pox.	2	10
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	0	3
Scarlet Fever.	1	1
Tuberculosis.	0	13
Plague.	0	0
Dysentery	0	7
Total Deaths from all Causes	7	179

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Mixed Court Report for November.

Chinese Civil Cases.—Good progress was made in the hearing of Chinese Civil Cases, 87 being concluded as against 94 added to the Hearing List. The number of cases awaiting a hearing at the end of the month was 2 less than the corresponding figures for October.

The number of persons who fail to appear on being summoned to Court is still very large. Out of 99 summoned 55 had to be summoned again or arrested on a warrant.

General. As showing the amount of work performed by the Court it may be of interest to state that in addition to six inquests, there were 112 different sittings of the Criminal and Civil Courts during the month.

Here follow returns of Offences, Summonses and Warrants dealt with, Sentences and Decisions, Prisoners in custody, Foreign Civil Cases, Civil Defendants under detention, and Chinese Civil Cases.

R. M. J. MARTIN,
Registrar.

Countersigned,
K. J. McEUEN,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

OFFENCES.

	Number Charged
1.—Offences Against the Person:—	
Abduction	2
Assault	50
Attempted suicide	3
False imprisonment	3
Intimidation	35
Kidnapping	8
Malicious Prosecution	1
Murder	3
2.—Offences Against Property:—	
Arson (or Criminal Negligence)	3
Burglary	14
Cruelty to Animals	5
Embezzlement	5
Extortion	1
False Pretences	4
Fraud	8
House-breaking	2
Larceny	293
Malicious damage	2
Receiving stolen property	8
Robbery	8
Unlawful possession	18
3.—Offences of a Public Nature:—	
Breach of the Licensing Bye-law or of Licence Conditions in respect to the following:—	
Carriages	42
Carts	35
Dogs	3
Foodshops	24
Laundries	3
Livery Stables	7
Lodging Houses	12
Motor Cars	6
Opium Shops	21
Public Rickshas	1,522
Tea Shops	6
Wheel-barrows	101
Wine Shops	3
Breach of Bye-laws and Regulations in respect to the following:—	
Buildings	7
Fireworks	4
House Refuse	72
Nuisance	677
Prostitutes	11
Traffic	49
Bigamy	1
Bribery	1
Coin, Uttering Counterfeit	7
Fighting and creating a disturbance	97
Gambling	13
Loitering with intent	33
Perjury	1
Returning after expulsion	6
Trafficking in Women or Children	18
Vagrancy	6
Gaolbreaking	1
4.—Miscellaneous Cases:—	30
TOTAL	3,293

SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

	Number Dealt with
Bail Forfeit	2,349
Caution	26
Compensation	2
Dismiss	83
Fine	328
Handed to Parents or Guardians	8
Imprisonment	376
Imprisonment and Expulsion	47
Reformatory	6
Release on Security	8
Sent to Chinese Authorities	32
Sent to Local Institutions	15

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Sent to French Police	3
Various	10
TOTAL	3,293

WOMEN'S PRISON.

On November 1	72
Received	64
Released	55
On November 30	81

SUMMONSES AND WARRANTS

Summonses Issued	108
Summonses Served	95
Warrants Issued	37
Warrants Executed	18

FOREIGN CIVIL CASES.

Warrants issued	17
,, executed	2
,, withdrawn	2
Summonses issued	39
,, served	23
,, withdrawn	2
Persons apprehended on Warrants	2
,, summoned	26
Sealing orders is ued	105
,, ,, executed	9
,, ,, not executed, claim settled	84
,, ,, withdrawn	9
,, ,, pending	3
Reopening orders executed	9

CHINESE CIVIL CASES.

Petitions filed requiring a hearing by Court	99
Petitions filed of a miscellaneous nature	60
Cases added to hearing list	94
,, heard	103
,, in course of hearing	44
,, concluded	87
,, awaiting first hearing on Nov. 30	212
Summonses issued	97
,, served	86
,, withdrawn	9
Warrants issued	42
,, executed	21
,, withdrawn	22
Persons arrested on warrant	22
,, summoned	99
,, failed to appear on first summons	55
Sealing orders issued	18
,, ,, executed	6
,, ,, not executed (claim settled)	11
,, ,, withdrawn	1
Reopening orders executed	5

HOUSE OF DETENTION.

On November 1	113
Received	37
Released	45
On November 30	105

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CASES HEARD

Plaintiffs	Nationality	Defendants	Claim	Judgment
W. Little & Co.	British	Yuen Woo hong	Breach of contract	Pending
S. H. Abbass	do.	Ying Hai-chou Ying Hing-su	Application for eviction order	For Defendants
W. Hewett & Co.	do.	Zi Seu-sung (Dong Kong Hong)	Breach of contract	For Plaintiffs for amount of loss sustained
S. Awozawa	Japanese	Yau Ming-sung	do.	Pending
S. Nakamura	do.	Tsen Chi-hsun	do.	Pending
S. Watanabe	do.	Yau Ming-sung Tsen Chi-hsun	do.	Pending
Markt & Co.	American	Woo Soen-tsz	do.	For Plaintiffs for amount of loss sustained
Shanghai Horse Bazaar & Motor Co, Ld.	British	Li Yung-kee	Tls. 1,054.00 and $863.71	Pending
Markt & Co.	American	Shing Tai Co.	Tls. 261.00	For Plaintiffs Tls. 261.00
Inniss & Riddle	British	Li P ng-shu	£2,525-6-7	For Plaintiffs £1,927-7-1
The Chinese Engineering & Mining Co.	do.	Tsiang Pau-sung	Tls. 13,751.87 (Embezzlement)	For Plaintiffs Tls. 13,751.87 and $81.50
The Holland-China Trading Co.	Netherlands	Tuh Ching Yong Hong	Breach of contract	For Plaintiffs for loss sustained
The Japan Cotton Trading Co.	Japanese	Zia Sun-tsong	do.	Pending
C. R. Slowe	British	Sing Fah-kee	do.	Pending
E. D. Sassoon & Co.	do.	Dong Kong Hong	do.	For Plaintiffs for Tls. 12,718.67
Saita & Co.	Japanese	Dzung Koh-ming	Tls. 1,349.15 and $15 60 (embezzlement)	For Plaintiffs for Tls. 1,349.15 and $15.60
J. Kleffel	German	Nicholas Tsu	Tls. 500.00	Judgment reserved

Engineer's Report for November.

The excavations for foundations to the main building of the Central Municipal Offices have been completed during excellent weather conditions and the first layer of concrete forming the "mattress" for reinforced work, is well in hand.

With the exception of one old well, the excavations have revealed nothing of unusual or interesting nature. Two of the old magnolia trees in the compound have been removed to the Cathedral grounds.

Screens have been erected along the back of the passenger pontoons to protect mailbags and passengers from driving rain.

In order to reduce the wind pressure during strong winds each alternate panel is moveable and can be opened if necessary.

The artizans strike was of short duration and did not affect the Council's employes to any extent.

The culvert has been laid in the Defence Creek between the Peking Road Bridge and the Burkill Road Bridge and the mud filling in this section has been commenced.

The creek is now dammed up as far Southwards as Nanking Road Bridge excavations for the foundations in the section between Burkill Road Bridge and Nanking Road Bridge were in hand towards the end of the month.

The first tube in the culverting of the Yangkingpang by the French Council was laid at the outlet of The Bund Bridge on November 24.

The French Council have not constructed any dams in the Yangkingpang and are carrying out the work at the period of low tide.

Roads.—Tar painting and other bituminous work on roads has been suspended on account of the cold weather.

Great Western Road has been completed as an unmetalled road between Tifeng Road and Edinburgh Road and is now available for traffic.

Hart Road has been ballasted and metalled between Sinza Road and Connaught Road and will be opened to traffic as soon as the mud filling at the side of the road has been completed.

Tongdonzkaloong has been made up as a 30ft. road East of North Chekiang Road.

Urga Road is being raised South of Sawgin Road with a view to ballasting and metalling being laid.

Ward Road Extension has been ballasted as far as Lahore Road and the metalling of the last length is now well in hand.

Bundings.—The bunding, in concrete, of the Yangtszepoo Creek along the frontage of the Police Station has been completed and the making up of the road is in hand.

The bunding, in concrete, of the Sawginkiang West of East Kashing Road is completed with the exception of the last section of about 100ft.

The bunding, in timber, of the Soochow Creek immediately East of Mokanshan Road is completed.

Buildings.—The concrete work on the air filter and the bricking in of the economizers at Riverside Power Station is completed. The reinforcement of the first floor at the Tonquin Road Sub-Station is being laid and work is proceeding departmentally on the ground floor.

The brickwork of the hose tower at the Sinza Fire Station is completed and the construction of the concrete "look out" is in hand.

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The walls of the playshed at the Ellis Kadoorie School are completed and the roof is under construction.

The Wetmore Road Latrine is completed and work on the Batavia Road Latrine is in hand.

Fingchiao Quarry.—The new frame for the No. 3 Crusher has arrived and is being fitted. In order to supply a sufficient quantity of ¼in. Chips for the Central Municipal Offices this machine will be adapted to produce ½in. Chips only and the deficiency in ¾in. Chips will be made good by additional hand breaking.

During the month 1,570 fong was dispatched to Shanghai.

Cleansing and Watering.	*Cartloads*
Roadside sweepings collected	4,259
Used for raising land	621
Ashes collected	60

Water used for street 5,233,200 gallons.

Labour.—The average number of coolies, etc., employed was—

Coolies	2,475
Foremen	193
Mafoos	166
Artizans	403
Convicts	136

Concreteware.—The following has been produced during the month:—

Hand-made 2,678 pieces
Machine-made 1,236 ,,

Casual Ward.—There were 77 admissions during the month and 436 cubic feet of stone broken.

New Buildings.—

Summary of work done during November.

Description of Work	*Total*
*Buildings under construction	307
Plans submitted for approval	45
Plans approved	37
Inspections	2,450
Boundary walls erected	3
Carpenter sheds erected	8
Repairs to buildings effected	32
New shop fronts inserted	22
Shop fronts, etc., painted	112
Alterations effected	15
Fences erected	18
Sign-boards erected	342
Drying stages erected	3
Temporary cloth sunshades erected	3
Temporary mat sunshades erected	29
Dangerous notices issued	20

*These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from Public	3
Dangerous structures reported by Public Works Department	11
First Intimation notices issued	14
Second ,, ,, ,,	6

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month	68
Boundary stone certificates issued	39
Consular lots surveyed	29
New Consular lots placed under taxation	24
Official plans prepared	25
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions	120
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads and/or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	68

M. C. R. Stones have been erected as follows:—

Northern District	17
Eastern ,,	147
Western ,,	9
Outside Limits	5

CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Parks Report for November.

The flowering season of plants in the gardens practically terminated at the end of the month, thus completing an unusually long and satisfactory season, during which the flower bed may be said to have been full of plants in flower for eight months.

Features which appeared to attract special interest were the effects produced by tulips in the Spring and by coloured foliage plants in the Autumn. This latter method of planting is usually designated as "carpet bedding" and whilst the purist criticizes it as unnatural it undoubtedly interests the public generally. Owing to the variety of suitable plants being limited (those we possess were recently introduced) it is not possible to carry out elaborate designs but suitable plants will no doubt be found in time. The flower beds are now being cleared and will be planted at once with Spring flowering bulbs and other Spring flowering plants.

SPORTS.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Golf	1,631
Base-ball	369
Football	1,207
Basket-ball	9
Hockey	30
Total No. of players	3,246
,, ,, non-players	15,357
,, ,, visitors	18,603

Roads.

No. of trees panted	23
,, ,, transplanted	3
,, ,, staked	29
,, ,, fastened	188
,, ,, pruned	1,840
,, ,, topdressed	476
,, dead trees removed	26
,, tree borers destroyed	2,522
Turf laid at Public School for Boys fong	265

Hedge plants planted at—

Quinsan Square	28
Isolation Hospital	70

Nurseries—

No. of trees transplanted	783
,, shrubs ,,	2,074
,, seedlings ,,	9,330
,, young trees pruned	1,700
,, ,, staked	911
,, cuttings inserted	2,200
Land dug fong	311
Land hoed ,,	2,253

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent of Parks.

Countersigned:
C. HARPUR,
Deputy Engineer & Surveyor.

Record of Calls on the Fire Brigade for November.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Buildings Affected	Time at Fire	Remarks
Nov. 4	7.38 p.m.	Outside Limits	Pootung			Bell			
6	2.38 a.m.	Eastern 1	Wuchow	Medium	Chinese	Bell	1 small Cotton Mill & 10 destroyed and 10 damaged	4 hours	
11	7.38 a.m.	Eastern 1	Broadway	Small	Foreign	Telephone		½ hour	
11	5.55 p.m.	Central 5	Fokien	,,	Chinese	Telephone		10 minutes	
11	11.55 p.m.	Central 6	Peking	,,	,,	Bell	4 damaged	2 hours	
14	10.41 a.m.	Eastern 1	Yangtszepoo	,,	,,	Bell	1 damaged	20 minutes	
16	2.05 a.m.	Central 4	Kiukiang			Telephone			
18	5.28 p.m.	Central 3	Yuenming-yuen			Telephone			False Alarm
19	4.22 a.m.	Western 7	Sinza	Small	Chinese	Bell	4 damaged	1½ hours	
19	11 17 a.m.	Central 4	Szechuen			Bell			False Alarm
24	4.26 p.m.	Eastern 1	Yuenfong	Small	Chinese	Telephone		5 minutes	
25	12.47 p.m.	Eastern 1	Singkeipang	,,	,,	Telephone		5 minutes	
28	12.09 p.m.	Central 4	Shanse	,,	,,	Bell		5 minutes	
30	6.41 a.m.	Central 4	Fokien	,,	,,	Bell	3 damaged	1 hour	

SUMMARY.—During November 14 calls to fires, or supposed fires, within the Settlement were received; the estimated damage being Tls. 28,000 as against Tls. 4,550 for the corresponding month of 1913.

M. W. PEIR, *Chief Officer.*

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 贈有承攬各項本局應用物品自行制造之價目者應將本局承攬部全份連同本局自備之本局印花一張貼在本局承攬部之外面

二 所有承攬價目未定之前必須將本局印花撕去方准開標如有未貼本局印花者概不承認

三 即定之後應承攬人到局保證書領取合同辦理

四 所有承攬各人之信及承攬公司伸人之價目以後登入本局公報內若須付錢方准取閱

五 本局將所有承攬信函明單清單若須付錢方准取閱

六 所有承攬信函公開封固無論其承攬何項工料必須於信內明白寫上工程名稱並江西路二十號二樓二間寫明送至本局收發處明所收之錢得的款一律退還

後仍將依款承押備

所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
	GENERAL.		
1.	Supply of coal for use in the Municipal offices, Police Stations, Hospital, etc., during 1915, consisting of about 1,900 tons of Japanese House Coal. 500 tons of Anthracite.		December 24. Tenderers should quote for retail delivery where required.
	TAX OFFICE.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Overseer of Taxes, 7a The Bund.		
1.	75 yards Blue Beaver Cloth No. 1 quality	—	Extended to January 21.
2.	75 „ Thin Blue Serge	—	do.
3.	30 „ Thick „	—	do.
	POLICE FORCE.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Storekeeper, Gordon Road.		
41.	100 yards Blue Beaver Cloth, No. 1 quality.	—	Extended to January 21.
42.	50 „ „ „ „ „ 2 „	—	do.
43.	2,200 „ „ „ „ „ 3 „	—	do.
44.	400 „ „ „ „ „ 4 „	—	do.
45.	5,000 „ „ Indigo Serge.	—	do.
46.	800 „ Khaki Woollen Serge.	—	do.
47.	2,200 „ Cotton Lining.	—	do.
48.	75 pairs White Woollen Blankets, 63 x 84, 7lb. per pair.	—	do.
49.	250 „ Brown Army Blankets, 68 x 90, 10lb. per pair.	—	do.
	To be delivered on or before June 30, 1915.	—	do.
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund.		
238.	Construction of corrugated iron roof on Royal Asiatic Society's building.	—	December 24.
239.	20 tons of built up steel beams for Thomas Hanbury School for Boys.	—	January 6.
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Offices, 66 Szechuen Road.		
118	17,500 Drawn Wire Metal Filament Lamps	Tls. 5	February 18.
119.	Stationery	Tls. 5	January 7.
120.	Hardware Sundries. Requirements for six months ending June 30, 1915.	—	December 31.

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